

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for sharing an opinion with an online community, the method comprising the steps of:
establishing a first connection between a mobile device and a gateway using a first protocol;
wherein said mobile device supports said first protocol but not a second protocol;
wherein said online community is associated with a server that supports said second protocol but not said first protocol;
~~receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface controls on said mobile device, wherein said user input is provided relative to a survey defined by a particular party;~~
~~transmitting receiving, from said mobile device [[to]] at said gateway, opinion data indicating [[said]] an opinion, that was specified through user interface controls on said mobile device, in a message that is not addressed to any specific member of the community, using said first protocol, wherein said user input was provided relative to a survey defined by a particular party;~~
transmitting said opinion data, using said second protocol, from said gateway to said server;
storing, at said server, for said survey, said opinion data as part of survey results, wherein said survey results reflect opinion data from a plurality of members of the online community; and

transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, from said server to members of said online community in response to requests received by said server in said second protocol;

wherein the step of transmitting said survey results includes transmitting said survey results from said server to ~~a plurality of~~ members of the online community that are not associated with said particular party that defined said survey;

~~receiving, through user interface controls on a second mobile device, user input that requests said survey results, wherein the user input does not initiate the creation of said survey;~~

wherein [[the]] a second mobile device is a mobile device of a member of the community and not the particular party that defined the survey;

wherein said member provides user input, that indicates a second opinion, relative to a different survey, results of which other members of said online community may request and receive;

~~transmitting receiving~~ a request for said survey results, using said first protocol, from said second mobile device [[to]] at said gateway, wherein the request was specified in second user input through user interface controls on said second mobile device, wherein said second user input does not initiate the creation of said survey;

transmitting a request for said survey results, using said second protocol, from said gateway to said server;

in response to said request received at said server using said second protocol, transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, to said gateway;

and

sending said survey results, using said first protocol, from said gateway to said second mobile device.

2. (cancelled)
3. (original) The method of Claim 1 wherein:

 said first protocol is WAP; and
 said second protocol is HTTP.
4. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein:

 the step of transmitting receiving opinion data from said mobile device [[to]] at said gateway includes transmitting receiving said opinion data over a wireless connection; and
 the step of transmitting said opinion data from said gateway to said server includes transmitting said opinion data over a network to which both said gateway and said server are connected.
5. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 further comprising the steps of:

 prior to receiving user input that indicates said opinion, transmitting, to said mobile device, receiving from said server, through said gateway, previous opinion data that indicates an opinion previously stored on said server;
 wherein said user input is entered as a response to said previous opinion data; and
 said server storing an association between said previous opinion data and said opinion data.

6. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein:
the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and
the stored opinion data is ~~transmitted~~ received from said mobile device [[to]] at said gateway in a batch with other opinion data previously entered by [[said]] a user of said mobile device.
7. (currently amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein:
the step of receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface controls on said mobile device is performed while said mobile device does not have a connection to said gateway;
the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and
the stored opinion data is ~~transmitted~~ received from said mobile device [[to]] at said gateway after a connection is established between said mobile device and said gateway.
8. (currently amended) A computer-readable storage medium ~~carrying~~ encoded with instructions for sharing an opinion with an online community, the ~~computer readable~~ medium comprising instructions which, when executed by one or more processors, cause the one or more processors to perform ~~for performing~~ the steps of:
establishing a first connection between a mobile device and a gateway using a first protocol;
wherein said mobile device supports said first protocol but not a second protocol;
wherein said online community is associated with a server that supports said second

protocol but not said first protocol;

~~receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface controls on said mobile device, wherein said user input is provided relative to a survey defined by a particular party;~~

~~transmitting receiving, from said mobile device [[to]] at said gateway, opinion data indicating [[said]] an opinion, that was specified through user interface controls on said mobile device, in a message that is not addressed to any specific member of the community, using said first protocol, wherein said user input was provided relative to a survey defined by a particular party;~~

transmitting said opinion data, using said second protocol, from said gateway to said server;

storing, at said server, for said survey, said opinion data as part of survey results, wherein said survey results reflect opinion data from a plurality of members of the online community; and

transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, from said server to members of said online community in response to requests received by said server in said second protocol;

wherein the step of transmitting said survey results includes transmitting said survey results from said server to a plurality of members of the online community that are not associated with said particular party that defined said survey;

~~receiving, through user interface controls on a second mobile device, user input that requests said survey results, wherein the user input does not initiate the creation of said survey;~~

wherein [[the]] a second mobile device is a mobile device of a member of the community and not the particular party that defined the survey; wherein said member provides user input, that indicates a second opinion, relative to a different survey, results of which other members of said online community may request and receive;

~~transmitting receiving~~ a request for said survey results, using said first protocol, from said second mobile device [[to]] at said gateway, wherein the request was specified in second user input through user interface controls on said second mobile device, wherein said second user input does not initiate the creation of said survey;

transmitting a request for said survey results, using said second protocol, from said gateway to said server; in response to said request received at said server using said second protocol, transmitting said survey results, using said second protocol, to said gateway; and sending said survey results, using said first protocol, from said gateway to said second mobile device.

9. (cancelled)

10. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8 wherein:
said first protocol is WAP; and
said second protocol is HTTP.

11. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8 wherein:
the step of ~~transmitting receiving~~ opinion data from said mobile device [[to]] ~~at~~ said gateway includes ~~transmitting receiving~~ said opinion data over a wireless connection; and
the step of transmitting said opinion data from said gateway to said server includes transmitting said opinion data over a network to which both said gateway and said server are connected.
12. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8, wherein the further comprising instructions which, when executed by the one or more processors, further cause the one or more processors to perform for performing the steps of: prior to receiving user input that indicates said opinion, transmitting, to said mobile device, ~~receiving~~ from said server, through said gateway, previous opinion data that indicates an opinion previously stored on said server; wherein said user input is entered as a response to said previous opinion data; and said server storing an association between said previous opinion data and said opinion data.
13. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8 wherein: the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and

the stored opinion data is ~~transmitted~~ received from said mobile device [[to]] at said gateway in a batch with other opinion data previously entered by [[said]] a user of said mobile device.

14. (currently amended) The computer-readable storage medium of Claim 8 wherein:
the step of receiving user input that indicates said opinion through user interface controls on said mobile device is performed while said mobile device does not have a connection to said gateway;
the opinion data is stored within said mobile device; and
the stored opinion data is ~~transmitted~~ received from said mobile device [[to]] at said gateway after a connection is established between said mobile device and said gateway.